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Dec. 4-1f

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Hon. John Q. Thompson, Republican nominee for Congress, M. T. C. Williams, assistant U. S. Prosecuting Attorney at Jefferson City, Hon. W. I. Wallace, Republican nominee for State Senator in Lebanon District, Major Nixon and J. T. Moore, of Lebanon, will speak at the following times and places in the Fifth District:

Houston, Texas county, Monday, October 16.

West Plains, Howell county Wednesday October 18.

Gainesville, Ozark county, Friday, October 20.

Ava, Douglas county Monday, October 23.

Hartsville, Wright county, Wednesday, October 25.

The Central Committees of the counties named above are requested to give due publicity to the appointments in their respective counties and make arrangements to insure a full attendance of the voters. Hours of speaking, 1 P. M., and at night.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE for November is on our table, ahead of all others. It is an unusually good number, even for this first-class lady's book. "The Principal Steel Plate," "Innocence," is from an original picture by that world-famous artist, Sir Joshua Reynolds. A prominent feature of this Magazine is its copyright Novel, "Miss Crespigny's Abundant Flirtation," by Fanny Hodgson Burnett; and "The Days of Seventy-Six," by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens, both very far superior to the continued stories to be found in magazines generally. But, as a contemporary says, the stories, the fashions, the patterns, in short, everything in "Peterson" is the best of its kind. The price of this Magazine, too, is another thing in its favor. It is but Two DOLLARS A YEAR. The Prospectus for 1877 is published with this number, and we find that the prices to Clubs are astonishingly low, viz.: three copies for \$4.80, with a superb engraving (27 inches by 20), "SURRENDER OF CORNWALLIS," to the person getting up the club; or six copies for \$9.00, and a copy of the Magazine for 1877 as a premium to the person getting up the club; or seven copies for \$11.00, and both an extra copy and the premium engraving to the person getting up the club. For large clubs the prices are even lower. A choice of eleven splendid premium engravings, for framing, is given for fifty cents extra, to subscribers "Peterson" for 1877. Specimens of the Magazine are sent, gratis, if written for. Subscribe to nothing else until you have seen a copy of this popular Magazine. Address CHARLES J. PETERSON, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

An Englishman died the other day from an overdose of newspaper. He first took the news into his suicidal brain, and then ate up the paper. He got on very well with the advertisements, and the city news did not oppress him, but he scarcely got through one editorial on the Indiana election when he was seized with fatal spasms.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—Francis P. Blair, the venerable journalist and politician died yesterday at his residence Silver Springs and aged eighty seven years.

When times are hard and cash is low, And trade comes in most awful slow, What is it that I would advise? Advertise!

Young Man Afraid of his Mother.—In Law represents the largest tribe in the United States. Several efforts have been made to put him on a reservation, but he won't stay put.

A Welsh widow, as she was turning away from her dead husband's open grave, received a whispered offer of marriage; but she sootily replied that she had a ready accepted another offer, as she was going into the church.

One of the most sensible changes in the new postal law, which everybody will appreciate, is that which allows a person to write his or her name on a newspaper wrapper, and also the word "from," to let the party receiving it know who it is from, without violating the law. It allows the sender to write on the package the number or kinds of articles it contains.

A CRUEL rumor, intended to damage the gubernatorial prospects of Charles Francis Adams with the Democracy of Eastern Massachusetts, is circulating in Boston, to the effect that Saturday is clean shirt day with this eminent statesman.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 17.—A change has been consummated in the proprietorship of the Blade of this city, by the resumption by D. R. Locke of his old position as managing partner. Mr. Locke is "Nashy."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The Commissioner of Indian Affairs to-day received a letter from Indian Agent Mitchell, dated Fort Tuck, Montana, Sept. 25, conveying the intelligence that Sitting Bull asks permission for his warriors to come into that agency to trade for ammunition. The letter says Little Buck Elk, an Uncapapa, and Chief of Soldiers Band, arrived on the evening of the 23d inst. six nights out from Sitting Bull's camp, bearing the application of Sitting Bull.

The New York Graphic wants to see an honest lightning-rod man. It always has some difficult job on hand.

BELGRADE, Oct. 17.—The unreasonable heat is causing much sickness. Last week an outbreak of plague occurred at Ogane-latz, which killed 318 Saravians. Their hats, clothes and bedding were burned and the ground ploughed up, when the pestilence ceased as suddenly as it appeared.

"Papa," said a clergyman's five-year old boy the other day "was John Calvin a Democrat or a Republican?" "Why, my son?" "Because, I heard you tell Mr. what Calvin said about election. 'That will be found in Congress some day.' Milwaukee News.

The English people are becoming strongly impressed with the belief that American manufacturers are able to supply all the home demand and much more. The London Times declares that this belief is spreading through Europe. It says that American markets to foreign manufacturers, and that "Americans will in future be able to make all they require for their own use themselves, cheaper and of more excellent quality than can be produced in other countries." The spread of this belief is so generally taking hold of the foreign observers of American progress, taught by the Centennial Exhibition and in many other ways, that certainly in England, and probably elsewhere, manufacturers, excepting of certain specialties, are giving us up as customers, and looking upon us by no means unsuccessful competitors in markets where American goods were quite recently unknown. And now we hear of the Sheffield manufacturers asking the intervention of the Government in their behalf by levying retaliatory custom duties on American goods. The Government declines, however to proceed in that way.

A young man of perhaps 24 years, by the name of Moore, committed suicide, by shooting himself through the head with a navy revolver, at the residence of Uncle Jesse Beeler, Burdine tp., this evening. The young man was from Arkansas and had stopped with Mr. Beeler for several days for the purpose of recruiting his strength—he being feeble in health and much fatigued from the effects of his trip thus far. The deceased was on his way to one of the eastern Missouri counties, and was an entire stranger in these parts. He had been in a gloomy state of mind for some time previous to the commission of the rash act, but no notice was taken of the young man's mood by the family of Mr. Beeler—who were employed some distance away from the house at the time of the unfortunate occurrence. An inquest will probably be held upon the corpse by Squire Haggrenbach, to-morrow. We are indebted to Mr. Reaves Beavers for our information.—[Houston Democrat.

She wouldn't stand to have a tooth pulled for \$120,000, she said, and yet she walked Caval street all day in tiny gaiters two sizes too small for her, and though nothing of it but then nobody saw that tooth, and several saw the gaiters.—New Orleans Bulletin.

An Ohio printer boasts a full font of nonpareil types, in the form of twenty-six children—an entire alphabet.—Printer's Circular. The parent of the above font of types walked just twenty-six miles to inform us that it should read "Pearl" instead of "Nonpareil," and also to say that every letter in that font is "clear-cut diamond."—Toledo Blade.

TESTING THE EFFECT.—The Fitchburg (Mass.) Sentinel has this curious story: "It amuses some people to see an elderly gentleman maneuver a new set of false teeth, particularly when he's alone with a mirror, and thinks himself unobserved. Take for instance the man who came into town the other day to attend a conference and was obliged to wait three hours at the hotel before it commenced. First, he walked up to the glass and smiled at himself very, very tenderly; thus he would appear when introduced to ladies. Then he turned partly away, smiled freshly, and glanced at himself sideways to see the effect that would be produced upon the ladies sitting beside him. Next, he rolled the under lip over like a new sleigh dasher; 'That's how he would look when he delivered an opinion. Then he stretched the upper lip up like a horse reaching after hay; that was consideration. Directly both lips shot out until they hung like a padlock on a cellar door, while his eyes stuck out like a flier's that was surprised. Finally he threw his head back, opened wide his throat, gazed long and intently down his throat, then slammed his jaws together with a crack that woke a baby in the next room."

THE OLD LADY ON THE STREET CAR.—When the conductor comes in for the fare, she calls attention to the fact that she wishes to get out at Thirty-sixth street. When he returns through the car after speaking to the driver she mentions the fact again. All the while she keeps her eye on that boy, and whenever he moves she grabs hold of the handbox and umbrella, for she knows that he has felonious designs on them. Whenever a small street is passed she calls to the conductor to know if it is Thirty-sixth street, and when he replies negatively she repeats the question in a whisper to the man next to her in the corner. She evidently regards that conductor as a disguised pirate, who adopted his present profession with the hope that she might come along some day and be lured into his car so that he might have a chance to abduct her forcibly and fly with her to some lonely and desolate spot, where he could blow out her brains with the pistol which she knows he has concealed upon his person for the sake of robbing her of her hand-box and umbrella, and the gold in her teeth. She has no confidence whatever in his word. He calls out "Tenth street," and immediately she seizes the hand-box and the plumed umbrella and dives hastily through the door, convinced that she has arrived at Thirty-sixth street, and that the buccaner of a conductor is trying to carry her past the spot. She repeats this maneuver every time the car stops, and in the intervals glares at the conductor through her spectacles when she thinks safe to remove her eyes from the predatory boy who hangs for the umbrella. When she actually arrives at Thirty-sixth street she gathers up her luggage quickly glances around the car hastily sees everybody laughing and bounces out and prances up the street, shuddering at the thought that perhaps the other passengers were the accomplices of the Dick Turpin on the platform and that her escape from the butchery was due entirely to her sagacity and watchfulness.—[Ex.

THE BUSHMEN account for the origin of the milky way by relating how a girl of the ancient race wished for a little light, so that the people might see to return home at night. She therefore threw wood ashes into the sky, which became the milky way. This same girl being vexed with her mother for giving her too little of a certain red edible root threw up portions of it into the sky, where they became stars.

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Rev. W. H. H. Murray says: "Were I but free from sin, and the world around me free from it I would crave no better state and no finer heaven than that into which I was born." Perhaps so. But it must be remembered that the reverend gentleman owns fast horses, a good rifle, a diamond pin, and is given three months' vacation every summer to go fishing and hunting in the Adirondacks, with his salary running right along; and such blessings make this earth a heaven to more men than the Rev. Mr. Murray.

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The Necessity of Retrenchment.

In the present time, the only satisfactory plan of administering public affairs must be in the most economical way possible. The expenses of carrying on our government have become so enormous as to well nigh paralyze all important industries. In times past a marked feature of our institutions have been simplicity, unostentation and freedom from the extravagance and display surrounding the royal establishments of European capitals. Not the least of evils engendered by our civil war was a change from simple and plain ways of living to the extravagant, costly and showy. The cost of living certainly is no greater now than fifty years ago. The tastes of the people are no more cultivated now than then. More costly habits are indulged and hence more money is demanded. Too many of our people are trying to imitate the old world's vices, and hence the pleasures of such living, so persistently demanded, require vast sums of money for their support. Retrenchment and reform must begin at home, in our households, in our personal expenses. The ancient nations, in some respects wiser than we, had sumptuary laws regulating the cost of living. In the earlier days of our republic the people lived plainly and temperately. The first families of Virginia, the exalted Puritans of New England, and the solid burghers of New Amsterdam were earnest and unostentatious, yet excellent people. The fathers of our country in 1776 were men of simple ways and cultivated manners. And so likewise through many generations the people departed not from the old fashioned manners of their worthy ancestors. But we have fallen on a different system. Our rulers must be princes with all the term implies. A salary of \$25,000 will not support respectably, a president's family but \$50,000 must be the mark. Beginning thus, the increased salaries run through the whole list of office holders. So in every department of State and National government increased salaries exorbitant and illegal fees are taken. The hard working farmers and mechanics pay all these fructful fleecings. Is it any wonder that reform and retrenchment are demanded? We assert that reform and retrenchment must begin in individual households in municipal governments, in county and state administrations and be carried through every branch of the body politic, city, state and nation.—[Southwestern.

English Manufacturers Coming to America.

From the London Times
The Sheffield Daily Telegraph announces that the well-known Sheffield firm of Sanderson Brothers, steel manufacturers, have abandoned the attempt to compete with American makers of steel in the face of the high protective duties levied in the states on this article, and have resolved on establishing works at Syracuse, in the State of New York, thus "going" the way into the enemy's camp. "The first," in announcing their attention to customers in America and Canada, says: "Inasmuch as the founders of our house were the pioneers of the American trade and were conspicuous among the earliest manufacturers of cast steel after the death of the inventor in 1776, it seems appropriate that we should also be the first to accept the logic of events, and transfer the manufacture of English steel to America." The new American company, they add, will use the name and trade marks of the Sheffield house, and will produce the same qualities of steel from the same brands of Swedish iron "until American iron shall be found to equal it." The manufacture at Syracuse will be under the charge of a steel-maker practically trained at the Sheffield works, aided by skilled Sheffield workmen, and the patents of the English firm, their "peculiar modes of preparing crucibles, mixtures for melting, method of manipulating, and confidential information of whatever kind employed in the Sheffield process of steel manufacture" will henceforth be available in the works of the new American company.

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